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FORWARD

Children are our most valuable resource. The investment we make in them today will benefit all of tomorrow. Early Intervention Services can make a world of difference in the lives of infants and toddlers who are at risk of and/or diagnosed with developmental delays or disabilities and their families. The DC Early Intervention Program, (DC EIP) serves as the point of contact in initiating those services.

Based on the needs of the child and family, early intervention services capitalize on the developmental potential of infants and toddlers with disabilities within the perspective of their daily routines and activities, increasing their potential to live independently as mature adults. The earlier intervention services are started and monitored, the more likely it is that the educational achievement and quality of life for children with disabilities will be higher.

The federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part C along with the District of Columbia Public Law 1-2-119 was mandated to ensure that infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families receive coordinated services early enough to make a difference. DC EIP upholds the primary responsibility to ensure that meeting the multifaceted needs of infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families involves the services and support of several state and local agencies. To ensure greatest effectiveness, these services must be coordinated, flexible, culturally responsive, reachable and most importantly, responsive to the needs of the child and family.

In the District of Columbia, DC EIP's system of early intervention services are intended to support and enhance the capability of every family with an infant or toddler with a disability to meet the special developmental needs of their child. Infants and toddlers with disabilities are an integral part of communities and make a valuable contribution to society as a whole. DC EIP is committed to support these children and their families to our fullest potential.

WHAT IS THE DC EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM?

The DC Early Intervention Program (DC EIP) serves as the single point of entry for infants and toddlers whose families have concerns about their development. The DC Early Intervention Program is charged with implementing the Infants and Toddlers Program under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part C (34 CFR, Part 303). Under this Act, DC EIP is responsible for services to young children, birth through age two (2) years. Children are eligible for early intervention services when they have a condition known to result in developmental delay (like Down Syndrome). They are also eligible if they demonstrate a 50% developmental delay (are doing the things that children half their age are doing in one (1) or more areas of development).

The DC EIP Central Directory was designed to develop a District-wide comprehensive, multidisciplinary interagency system of programs and early intervention services for infants and toddlers with its sole purpose to provide:

- Parents, guardians, family members, service providers, and members of the public, including those with disabilities, can get information on the early intervention resources available throughout the District of Columbia.
- Information regarding the nature and extent of these resources are available through telephone or written requests at local and national level.

WHAT IS EARLY INTERVENTION?

Early intervention is a system of services for young children, birth through age three and their families. In the District of Columbia, the early intervention system is known as the Part C program or the DC Early Intervention Program (DC EIP). Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is the federal law that mandates states to serve infants and toddlers with special needs.

Early intervention is designed for children who parents may have concerns or for children who are at risk regarding the developmental growth of their child. It may also encompass children who may have a suspected or pre-diagnosed disability that effects both the physical and cognitive growth of their child.

WHAT ARE EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES?

Early intervention services are provided based on the developmental needs of the child, the concerns and priorities of the family, and the resources available to them. Services provided within the context of the child and family's daily activities and routines. Eligible children families may receive a variety of early intervention service; some children may need only one or two early intervention services. Early intervention services may include:

- assistive technology, including devices or services
- audiology or hearing services
- family training, counseling and home visits
- health services necessary for a child to benefit from other early intervention services
- medical services for diagnosis and evaluation
- nursing services
- nutrition services
- occupational therapy
- physical therapy
- psychological services
- service coordination (case management)
- social work services
- special instruction
- speech and language services
- vision services

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Infants and toddlers from birth to 36 months of age may be eligible for early intervention services if, through documented evaluation and assessment, they meet one of the criteria below:

1. have a developmental delay in either cognitive, communication, social and/or emotional, adaptive, or physical and motor development including vision and hearing; or
2. have established risk conditions with a high probability of resulting in delayed development; or
3. are at high risk of having a substantial developmental disability due to a combination of risk factor.

WHO PROVIDES SERVICES?

DC EIP uses contractors to provide most of the required services. Medicaid and Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCO's) cover the cost of therapeutic services for families enrolled in Medicaid and use their own contractors. Approximately 70% of DC EIP family's have Medicaid as their primary insurance. Families who use their private insurance may use the therapists identified by their insurance company.

WHERE ARE SERVICES PROVIDED?

Children can receive their services in a variety of settings. A growing number of children receive services in their home. Some go to licensed child care center or early intervention programs designed to serve children with delays.

WHO PAYS FOR SERVICES?

DC EIP operates with an annual budget of about \$2.2 million in federal funding. Some services must be provided at no cost to the family such as evaluations and service coordination. D.C. Medicaid, private insurance and sometimes families pay for other services. DC EIP uses a sliding fee scale to determine a family's ability to pay when financial assistance is requested.

EVALUATION TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY

Children under the age of three are eligible for DC EIP because they are either experiencing a significant developmental delay, or they have a diagnosed physical or mental condition with a high probability of resulting in a developmental delay. DC EIP does *not* serve infants and toddlers who are at risk of delay due to environmental causes but who are not actually experiencing a significant developmental delay. For children referred to DC EIP without a diagnosed condition, a multidisciplinary evaluation of all five areas of development, using a standardized instrument, will be conducted by the program receiving the referral to determine eligibility. Adjusting a child's age for gestational prematurity should be done only when the evaluation instrument administration manual procedure indicates that adjustment is recommended or required for the instrument being used.

Developmental Delay Definition

Eligible children under the age of three are those who are experiencing a developmental delay of 3 SD (standard deviations) below the mean in one of the following developmental areas.

- A. cognitive development
- B. physical development including vision, hearing, motor and health development
- C. communication development
- D. social or emotional development
- E. adaptive skills development (also known as self-help or daily living skills)

Parents can provide vision and hearing screening information but documentation of visual impairment or hearing loss must be by doctor or audiologist report. Programs must assure that children's hearing and vision are within normal limits prior to completing the initial assessment. For children with a speech or language delay, it is critical that the child's hearing be screened or evaluated by an audiologist before beginning early intervention services. Any previous audiological testing or screening results, including newborn hearing screening, are only valid for one year. If current testing indicates a hearing loss, the program must address that in the child's Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). For vision, a physician must have specifically conducted a full functional evaluation of the child's vision.

Use of Diagnosed Conditions

Children with a diagnosed condition that has a high probability of resulting in a developmental delay are automatically eligible for DC EIP.

The list of diagnosed conditions is each divided into the following general categories:

- Genetic Disorders
- Sensory Impairments
- Motor Impairments
- Neurologic Disorders
- Sociocommunicative Disorders
- Medically Related Disorders
- Acquired Trauma Related Disorders

WHO CAN REFER A CHILD TO DC EIP?

DC EIP is responsible for hosting activities that promote the awareness of early intervention and helps to identify children who may need our services. This is called Child Find. DC EIP also accepts referrals from anyone who has concerns about a child's development including parents, family members, friends, physicians, hospitals, Medicaid, child care staff, and social workers.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A CHILD IS REFERRED?

With the parent's permission, DC EIP will screen or evaluate a child to determine how he/she is growing and if a delay is present. DC EIP must look at each child's development in all areas including:

- Physical – how the child moves uses hands, sees and hears
- Cognitive – how the child thinks and learns
- Communication – how the child understands language, makes beginning speech sounds, and uses speech
- Social/Emotional – how the child copes, interacts and gets along with others
- Adaptive – how the child does activities such as eating, drinking, dressing and toileting

If the child is eligible, a coordinated individualized plan will be developed with the family. This plan will address the family's needs, identify what kinds of things the child needs to work on and the services that will be put in place to support the child's development.

WHAT SHOULD I DO TO MAKE A REFERRAL?

Referring a child is easy. Simply call the DC Early Intervention Program Child Find Hotline at (202) 727-3665. You will be asked a couple of questions to determine whether or not a developmental screening should be administered. If a screening is warranted, the Ages and Stages Questionnaire will be made available to you and should be returned to determine whether or not a comprehensive multidisciplinary evaluation is needed. If no screening is warranted, a referral form will be faxed to you or completed over the phone to initiate eligibility determination using:

- (1) Standardized Infant/Toddler assessment instruments,
- (2) developmental inventories,
- (3) behavioral checklists; or
- (4) informed clinical opinion.

LOCAL AND NATIONAL RESOURCE AGENCIES

Advocates for Justice and Education
2041 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE
Suite 400
Washington, DC 20020
4201 Georgia Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20011

Contact Information
(202) 678-8060 Phone
(202) 678-8062 Fax

(202) 265-9102 Phone
(202) 291-2225 Fax
www.aje-dc.org

Advocates for Justice and Education, Inc. were created as a mechanism to increase parental involvement in the education of children with special needs. Parent empowerment is used as a model to address injustices in the delivery of services.

Align Staffing
7474 Greenway Center Drive
Suite 620
Greenbelt, MD 20770

Contact Information
(301) 220-0580 Phone
(301) 220-0585 Fax
www.alignstaffing.com

Align Staffing provides occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech-language pathology, and social work evaluation and treatment services to infants, toddlers, and their families.

Amedisys Tender Loving Care
1212 New York Ave., NW Suite 310
Washington, DC 20005

Contact Information
(202) 682-2200 Phone
(301) 682-0822
www.amedisys.com

Amedisys Tender Loving Care provides hospice care, family counseling, home visits, nursing services, occupational therapy, physical therapy, social work services, and speech and language therapy in a home-based setting.

Autism Society of America
7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 300
Bethesda, MD 20814

Contact Information
1-800-328-8476
www.autism-society.org

Website offers information and resources for parents and others as well as helpful links, current news and key issues related to the field of autism. Website also provides links to local ASA chapters.

Bright Beginnings, Inc.
Head Start
128 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Contact Information
(202) 842-9090 Phone
(202) 842-9095 Fax
www.brightbeginningsinc.org

Bright Beginnings, Inc. provides infant toddler day care and before and after school care for homeless or otherwise economically vulnerable families. Bright Beginnings accesses partners that provide on-site therapeutic services such as speech/language; motor and social skills evaluations; dental; vision and other services. The center's developmentally appropriate curriculum is designed to meet the four key dimensions of school readiness identified by the National Educational Goals Panel:

- physical well being and motor development,
- social and emotional development,
- language usage, and
- the mastering of learning styles that allow children to approach new tasks and challenges effectively.

Catholic Charities

924 G. Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

Contact Information

(202)
Telephone (202) 772-4300 Phone
Fax (202) 772-4408 Fax
www.catholiccharitiesdc.org

Catholic Charities is the area's leading provider of comprehensive human care services.

Chesapeake Center, Inc.
6506 Loisdale Road
Springfield, VA 22150

Contact Information

(703) 924-4100 Phone
(703) 922-5048 Fax
www.chesapeakectr.com

The Chesapeake Center, Inc. is a healthcare provider that offers early intervention and therapy services for infants, toddlers, preschool and school aged children through community based programs, school based programs and clinic visits.

Children's National Medical Center
Hearing and Speech Center
111 Michigan Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20010

Contact Information

(202) 476-5000 Phone
www.cnmc.org

The Children's Hospital Hearing and Speech Center provides speech and language and audiological evaluations for children with special needs; and therapy services for children with communications problems.

Children's National Medical Center
Child Development Clinic
Developmental Pediatrics Program
111 Michigan Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20010

Contact Information

(202) 476-5253 Phone
(202) 476-4043 Fax
www.cnmc.org

Children's National Medical Center Development Pediatrics Program provides developmental evaluations and consultations for infants and toddlers at-risk, or

suspected of having a developmental delay. Parent support and training, resource information and referrals are also available.

Children's National Medical Center
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
111 Michigan Ave., NW
1 Green, Suite 1300
Washington, DC 20010

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation provides evaluations of children with motor delays and physical disabilities; evaluation for equipment and braces; direct physical therapy and occupational therapy services.

Contact Information
(202) 884-3094 Phone
(202) 884-5979 Fax
www.cnmc.org

DC Child Support Enforcement Division
One Judiciary Square
441 Fourth Street, NW, Suite 550 North
Washington, DC 20001

The Child Support Enforcement Division helps to establish paternity, establish child support orders, and enforce child support orders for both District-based and national cases involving District residents.

Contact Information
(202) 724-2131 Phone
(202) 724-3710 Fax
www.cssd.dc.gov

Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind
Children's Services
1825 K. Street N.W., Suite 1103
Washington, DC 20006

The Early Intervention Program provides home-based early intervention services for children with visual disabilities, as well as other delays; advocacy, information and/or referral services for infants and toddlers birth thru 3.

The Low Vision Clinic optometrist performs functional low vision evaluations and prescribes devices as needed.

Contact Information
(202) 454-6400 Phone
(202) 454-6401 Fax
www.clb.org

DC Coalition for the Homeless
1234 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Suite C-1015
Washington, DC 20005

Services include transitional housing, support services, and emergency shelters for homeless men, children and families.

Contact Information
(202) 347-8870 Phone
(202) 347-7270 (Fax)
www.dccfh.org

DC Department of Health
Department of Community Health Administration
Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
WIC State Agency
2100 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE
Suite 409

Contact Information
(202) 645-5663 Phone
(202) 645-0516 Fax
www.doh.dc.gov

Washington, DC 20020

WIC is a federally funded nutrition program that provides to pregnant women and new mothers nutrition education, nutrient-rich supplemental food, health and social service referrals and immunization screening for children less than two years of age.

DC Department of Disability Services
1125 15th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Contact Information
(202) 730-1700 Phone
(202) Fax
www.dds.dc.gov

The Mission of the Department on Disability Services is to provide innovative, high quality services that enable people with disabilities to lead meaningful and productive lives as vital members of their families, schools, workplaces and communities in every neighborhood in the District of Columbia.

DC Department of Disability Services
Rehabilitation Services Administration
810 First Street, NE, 9th Floor
Washington, DC 20002

Contact Information
(202) 442-8500 Phone
(202) 442-8613/8563 (TTY/TTD)
www.dds.dc.gov

The Rehabilitation Services Administration provides comprehensive vocational and independent living services to persons with disabilities to promote their opportunities for employment, economic self-sufficiency and independence. RSA works with communities, businesses and organizations in an effort to ensure that individuals attain integrated employment in the mainstream of society. Spanish-speaking persons can call (202) 442-8561.

DC Department of Disability Services
Developmental Disabilities Administration
1125 15th Street NW, 8th Floor
Washington, DC 20005

Contact Information
(202) 703-1700
Toll Free (866) 923-5644
www.dds.dc.gov

The Developmental Disabilities Administration is responsible for the oversight and coordination of all services and supports provided to all qualified persons with intellectual disabilities in the District of Columbia. Intellectual disability is a disability characterized by significant limitations both in intellectual functioning (reasoning, learning, problem solving) and in adaptive behavior, which covers a range of everyday social and practical skills. This disability originates before the age of 18. To be eligible for services from the Developmental Disabilities Administration, a person must have an intellectual disability. Developmental disabilities include intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, downs syndrome, autism and other impairments of the brain that occur during childhood.

DC Department of Employment Services
64 New York Avenue, NE, Suite 3000
Washington, DC 20002

Contact Information
(202) 724-7000 Phone
(202) 673-6993 Fax
(202) 673-6994 TDD/TYY
www.does.dc.gov

The mission of the Department of Employment Services is to plan, develop and administer employment-related services to all segments of the Washington, DC metropolitan population.

DC Department of Health
825 North Capitol Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002

Contact Information
(202) 442-5955 Phone
(202) Fax
www.doh.dc.gov

The Mission of the Department of Health is to promote and protect the health, safety and quality of life of residents, visitors and those doing business in the District of Columbia. Our responsibilities include identifying health risks; educating the public; preventing and controlling diseases, injuries and exposure to environmental hazards; promoting effective community collaborations; and optimizing equitable access to community resources.

DC Department of Health
Addiction Prevention and Recovery Administration (APRA)
Assessment and Referral Center
70 N Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002

Contact Information
(202) 727-8473 Phone
(202) 535-2318 Fax
www.dchealth.dc.gov

APRA's mission is to establish a substance abuse prevention, treatment and recovery support system of care for District residents and families coping with the disease of addiction or at risk of becoming addicted to alcohol and illicit drugs.

Answers Please!

DC Department of Human Services
64 New York Avenue, NE, 6th Floor
Washington, DC 20002 (202) 671-4200

Contact Information
211

www.answersplease.dc.gov

211 Answers, Please! Now available through 311

The 311 number, used for police non-emergencies, now includes the 211 Answers, Please! social service referral and information. The service is available seven days a week, 24 hours a day, 365 day-a-year. Residents can use the Mayors' 311 Citywide Call Center number to access a network of government and community social services. In addition to dialing 311, the 211 Answers, Please! Online website also provides DC residents with a fast and easy way to search for local and national social service

programs. The website features user-friendly searches by the name, location, address, operating hours, telephone numbers, and/or eligibility criteria.

DC Department of Human Services
Child Care Services Subsidy Program
4001 South Capitol Street, SW
Washington, Dc 20032

Contact Information
(202) 727-0284 Phone
(202) 727-9707 Fax
www.dhs.dc.gov

The purpose of the Child Care Subsidy Program (CCSP) is to provide subsidized child care services to eligible families who reside in the District of Columbia. A sliding fee scale according to the family size and income is used to determine income eligibility and whether families are required to make a co-payment.

DC Department of Human Services
Child & Family Services Administration
400 6th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20024

Contact Information
(202) 442-6000 Phone
(202) 727-7282 Fax
www.cfsa.dc.gov

The Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) is the District of Columbia public agency that protects child victims, and children at risk, of abuse or neglect. CFSA has four basic functions: (1) Child Protective Services (2) Supportive Family Services (3) Foster Care and (4) Permanence.

DC Department of Human Resources
Income Maintenance Administration
Service Centers

Contact Information

- Anacostia
2100 Martin Luther King Avenue, SE
- Congress Heights
4001 South Capitol Street, SW
- Fort Davis
3851 Alabama Avenue, SE
- H Street
645 H Street, NE
- Taylor Street
1207 Taylor Street, NW

(202) 645-4614 Phone
(202) 727-3527 Fax
(202) 645-4546 Phone
(202) 654-4524 Fax
(202) 645-4500 Phone
(202) 645-6205 Fax
(202) 698-4350 Phone
(202) 724-8964 Fax
(202) 576-8000 Phone
(202) 576-8740 Fax
www.dhs.dc.gov

The Income Maintenance Administration implements the District's welfare reform legislation and meets the federal mandates under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act of 1996 (PROWRA). The IMA makes timely and accurate determinations of eligibility and amount for TANF, medical assistance, and food stamps; promotes economic independence; and helps low income adults achieve self-sufficiency through employment and participation in work-related activities.

DC Department of Mental Health
64 New York Avenue, NE, 4th Floor

Contact Information
(202) 673-7440 Phone

Washington, DC 20002

(202) 673-3433 Fax

24-Hour Access Helpline: 1 (888) 793-4357

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horas: 1 (888) 793-4357

TDD Access Helpline (202) 673-7500

www.dmh.dc.gov

The Department of Mental Health (DMH) offers a broad range of treatment and support services to families through community based mental health providers located in neighborhoods throughout the District (see website for locations). They also operate a school based program that offers prevention, early intervention and clinical services to a number of schools.

DC Department of Mental Health

Homeless Services

64 New York Ave NE, 4th Floor,

Washington, DC 20003

Contact Information

(202) 671-0388 Phone

(202) 442-4792 Fax

www.dmh.dc.gov

As part of its Homeless Services Strategy, DMH helps homeless people who are temporarily or chronically homeless and have mental illness get off the streets and into safe, decent housing where they can get the support they need.

DC Department of Mental Health

Community Services Administration

1905 E Street, SE

Building 14

Washington, DC 20003

Contact Information

(202) 673-9319

Phone 24 hours

www.dmh.dc.gov

The DC Community Services Agency is the District government's direct provider of mental health services and acts as a safety net for uninsured residents. It also operates a pharmacy for consumers in our network who have no pharmacy benefits and are unable to pay for their medications.

DC Department of Mental Health

Comprehensive Psychiatric

Emergency Program

1905 E Street, SE Building 14

Washington, DC 20003

Contact Information

(202) 673-9319 Phone

(202) 698-3171 Fax

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

www.dmh.dc.gov

The Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program is a twenty-four hour/seven day a week operation that provides emergency psychiatric services, mobile crisis services and extended observation beds for individuals 18 years of age and older. Services can be accessed by telephone or in person. Mobile crisis service is available from 9 am to 1 am every day and can be activated through the Access Helpline on 1-888-793-4357. Mobile crisis service teams respond to adults throughout the District who are experiencing a psychiatric crisis whether in the homes or on the street and who are unable or unwilling

to travel to receive mental health services. The teams provide crisis stabilization including dispensing medication and performing assessment for voluntary and involuntary hospitalizations and linkages to other services, such as crisis beds and substance abuse detoxification and treatment.

DC Department of Parks and Recreation
3149 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20010

Contact Information
(202) 673-7647 Phone
(202) 671-2852 Fax
www.dpr.dc.gov

The DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) provides quality urban recreation and leisure services for residents and visitors to the District of Columbia. DPR supervises and maintains area parks, community facilities, swimming pools and spray parks, and neighborhood recreation centers, as well as coordinates a wide variety of recreation programs including sports leagues, youth development, therapeutic recreation, aquatic programming, outdoor adventure, camping, and senior citizen activities. Adaptive programs and facilities are available for persons with disabilities.

DC Housing Authority
1133 North Capitol Street, N.E.,
Washington, DC 20002-7599

Contact Information
(202) 535-1500 Phone
(202) 535-1433
(Subsidized and Section 8)
www.dc-ha.org

The Housing Authority provides information about low income housing in the District of Columbia.

DC Metropolitan Police Department
Youth & Preventive Services Division
1700 Rhode Island Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20018

Contact Information
(202) 576-6768 Phone
www.mpd.dc.gov

Youth & Preventive Services is a specialized unit of the Metropolitan Police Department that is dedicated to providing services to protect the youth of the District of Columbia. The services are primarily twofold: law enforcement and preventive development for youth working with the DC Public Schools. This unit's primary focus is to reduce all crime involving youth as victims by fully investigating abuse, neglect or missing persons and insuring all juvenile perpetrators are processed in accordance with current juvenile laws and regulations. All criminal cases investigated by this unit are worked in conjunction with governmental agencies, including the U.S. Attorney's Office.

DC Office of the State Superintendent of Education
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 350 North
Washington, DC 20001

Contact Information
(202) 727-6436 Phone
(202) 727-2019 Fax
www.osse.dc.gov

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), formerly known as the State Education Office (SEO), sets statewide policies, provides resources and support, and exercises accountability for ALL public education in DC. OSSE directs resources that guarantee residents educated in the District of Columbia are among the highest performers in the nation.

DC Office of the State Superintendent of Education
Early Care Education
717 14th Street, NW, 12th Floor
Washington, DC 20005

Early Care Education provides subsidized early care and education services. This office also provides technical assistance and training to over 300 early care and education centers across the city.

Contact Information
(202) 727-1839 Phone
(202) 724-7229 Fax
www.osse.dc.gov

DC Office of the State Superintendent of Education
Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities Division
717 14th Street, NW, 12th Floor
Washington, DC 20005

The mission of the DC Early Intervention Program is to identify and serve infants and toddlers, birth thru age 2, with developmental disabilities and/or delays and their families in a caring manner that supports the culture and meets the needs of families. The Infants and Toddlers program links families with early intervention services.

Contact Information
(202) 727-3665
Child Find Phone Line
www.osse.dc.gov

DC Public Schools
Central Office
825 North Capitol Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002

The DC Public School's website offers comprehensive information on programs and services including office directories and school locators, enrollment and registration forms, press releases and announcements, satisfaction surveys and information on services for children with special needs.

Contact Information
(202) 442-5885 Phone
(202) 442-5026
www.dcps.dc.gov

DC Public Schools
Office of Special Education
Early Stages Center
1125 New Jersey Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001

The Early Stages Center is a DC Public Schools Program for children three to five years old. Early Stages helps parents to identify any developmental delays that children may have and provide appropriate services to help address those delays. Children referred to the Early Stages Center will receive a full evaluation and treatment or services for a diagnosed delay.

Contact Information
(202) 698-8037 Phone
(202) 535-1112 Fax
www.earlystagesdc.org

Easter Seals of Greater Washington
Children and Adults, Inc.
Child Development Center
2800 13th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009

Contact Information
(202) 387-4434 Phone
(202) 462-7379 Fax
www.gwbr.easterseals.com

The Children's Center provides early intervention, occupational, physical and speech therapy services.

Edward C. Mazique Parent Child Center
1719 13th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009

Contact Information
(202) 462-3375 Phone
(202) 939-8696 Fax
www.ecmpcc.org

The Edward C. Mazique Parent Child Center provides center-based early childhood education and home-based programs for children; early intervention services; child care, medical, dental, vision, speech, and hearing screenings; nutrition programs that provide breakfast, lunch and snacks; social services, parent education, advocacy, and information and/or referral for ages birth to 5. Develop Individualized Family Service Plans and Individualized Education Programs for children with special needs. Parent support groups and parent trainings are also provided.

Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities
Family Empowerment Center
3400 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20032

Contact Information
(202) 561-1991 Phone
(202) 561-1995
www.dcqualitytrust.org

Quality Trust's Family Empowerment Center (FEC) is the District's one-stop family support center where families with a child or family member with a developmental disability can receive support, guidance and training they need to maneuver the District's government system for educational supports and other resources.

Family Matters of Greater Washington
1509 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036

Contact Information
(202) 289-1510 Phone
(202) 518-8929 Fax
www.familymattersdc.org

Family Matters of Greater Washington services include adoption services, foster care, parent education, mental health counseling and services to seniors. Family Matters also offers childcare services with sliding-scale fees that help low-to-moderate income families to find stability and independence.

Family Place
3309 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20010

Contact Information
(202) 265-0149 Phone
(202) 483-0650 Fax
www.familyplacedc.org

Family Place provides prenatal education, counseling, parent education, resources and support services to expectant parents and families with children ages birth to 5 years.

Family Voices of the District of Columbia
1258 Pleasant Street SE
Washington, DC 20020

Contact Information
(202) 373-5564 Phone
(202) 373-0063 Fax
www.familyvoices.org

Family Voices aims to achieve family-centered care for all children and youth with special health care needs and/or disabilities. Through their national network, families are provided tools to make informed decisions, advocate for improved public and private policies, and build partnerships with professionals.

Georgetown University Center
For Child & Human Development
3300 Whitehaven Street, N.W., Suite 3300
Washington, DC 20007-3935

Contact Information
(202) 687-8635 Phone
(202) 687-8899 Fax
www.gucchd.georgetown.edu

The Georgetown University Center for Child and Human Development provides interdisciplinary diagnostic evaluation through a variety of clinics. Focus is on the following; autism, communication, developmental screenings, genetics, international pre-adoption/adoptions and pre-maturity. Advocacy information and/or referral for community-based services follow the diagnostic evaluations. Interdisciplinary teams may cover one or more of the following treatment areas: developmental pediatrics, geneticist, neurology, occupational therapy, psychology, physical therapy and speech and language therapy.

Health Services Children
With Special Needs, Inc. (HSCSN)
(The NET)
1025 Connecticut Ave, NW Ste. 1100
Washington, DC 20036

Contact Information
(202) 467-2737 Phone
(202) 467-0978 Fax
www.hscsn-net.org

Health Services for Children With Special Needs, Inc. provides enrolled members with the coordination of comprehensive medical services for children with special needs.

Healthy Babies Project
1507 Benning Road, NE
Lower Level
Washington, DC 20002

Contact Information
(202) 396-2809 Phone
(202) 396-8926 Fax
www.healthybabiesproject.org

Healthy Babies provides support services for expectant mothers in Wards 5 and 6 and homeless pregnant women regardless of area; provides food for the expectant mothers if they are enrolled in their program; makes referrals for prenatal care, housing, Medicaid, food stamps, and financial aid; provides parenting skills and the Lamaze technique for child birth.

Kendall Demonstration Elementary School
Gallaudet University
800 Florida Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20002

Contact Information

(202) 651-5397 Phone

(202) 651-5362 Fax

www.clercenter.gallaudet.edu

The Kendall Demonstration Elementary School provides speech and language, and developmental and audiological evaluations. Early intervention services are provided as needed. Early childhood education at KDES is comprised of the following programs:

- Parent-Infant Program (birth to 2 years old). A two-year program that meets two days a week for half a day each and offers parent support and parent meetings on site.
- Preschool Program (2-4 year olds). A two year long program where the students have the same teachers for both years. Students attend four days a week for a full day.
- Pre-Kindergarten, (4-5 years old). Students attend five full days a week.
- Kindergarten (5-6 years old). Students attend five full days a week.

Kid's Communication Center
4904 Wisconsin Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20016

Contact Information
(202) 237-7079 Phone

The Kid's Communication Center is a local organization that provides speech and language therapy services to children.

Little Feet and Hands
3321 12th Street, NE
Washington, DC 20017

Contact Information
(202) 832-3590 Phone
(202) 832-8494 Fax

Little Feet and Hands provide eligibility evaluations of families to determine if they qualify for services under Part C. Additionally, Little Feet and Hands provide direct rehabilitative services.

Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy
Institute Preschool
801 Buchanan Street, NE
Washington, DC 20017

Contact Information
(202) 529-7600 Phone
(202) 529-2028 Fax

www.kennedycatholiccharities.dc.org

The Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Institute Preschool provides a comprehensive, center-based program for infants and children with and without special needs, early childhood education, and early intervention services; nursing, nutritive, physical therapy; speech/language, audiology and occupational therapy; advocacy, information and/or referral.

Mary's Center for Maternal
and Child Care
2333 Ontario Road, NW
Washington, DC 20009

Contact Information
(202) 483-8196 Phone
(202) 797-2628 Fax
www.maryscenter.org

Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care bilingual services includes:

- 24-hour telephone access to medical providers;
- Home visits;
- Postpartum care;
- Family planning/well-woman care;
- Primary pediatric care from birth through age 13;
- Preventive health and family life education;
- An adolescent program focused on pregnancy prevention, educational enrichment and teen parenting;
- Assistance in applying for Medicaid; and
- Intensive social services and case management of referrals.

Metropolitan Area
Communications Services
6529 3rd Street, NW
Washington, DC 20012

Contact Information
(202) 723-6627 Phone
(301) 881-4474 Fax

Metropolitan Area Communications Services provides early detection for children with special needs in speech, language, and hearing disorders. Early intervention treatment, screening, diagnostic evaluation, audiology program provides diagnostic tests as well as hearing aid evaluations and fittings, therapy and special education placement.

Multicultural Rehab
9801 Georgia Avenue Suite 229
Silver Spring, MD 20902

Contact Information
(301) 754-2200 Phone
(301) 754-2226 Fax
www.mrehab.com

Multicultural Rehab is an organization that provides dynamic, outcome-based, individualized, caring and effective speech-language, occupational, physical and massage therapies as well as cognitive learning supports to all individuals with special needs or disabilities — in particular, the bilingual, culturally diverse and/or English language learner.

My Sister's Place

Contact Information
(202) 529-5261 Phone
(202) 529-5991 24 Hour Crisis Hotline
www.mysistersplace.org

My Sister's Place is an interactive community committed to eradicating domestic violence. They provide safe, confidential shelter; programs, education and advocacy for battered women and their children. Our goal is to empower women to take control of their lives.

National Children's Center
Early Intervention Program
3400 Martin Luther King Jr., Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20032

Contact Information
(202) 279-4900 Phone
(202) 279-4961 Fax
www.nccinc.org

The National Children's Center Early Intervention Program provides early intervention services to infants and toddlers with special needs including physical therapy, speech/language therapy, and occupational therapy, and psychological therapy.

National Downs Syndrome Society
Goodwin Family Information and Referral Center
666 Broadway, 8th Floor
New York, NY 10012

Contact Information
1-800-221-4602
www.ndss.org

Through its toll-free helpline and e-mail service, NDSS responds to questions from parents, professionals, self-advocates and other interested individuals. The Referral Center is supported by a translation service that can be accessed in over 150 languages.

Out Came the Sun
P.O. Box 1687
Rockville, MD 20899-1687

Contact Information
(301) 649-7170 Phone
(301) 260-8487 Fax

Out Came the Sun, Inc., provides occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, special instruction, and service coordination services.

PSI

701 L Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003

PSI provides early childhood education for children with special needs in center-based and home based programs: physical therapy, speech/language therapy; behavior program and parent education.

Contact Information

(202) 547-3870 Phone
(202) 546-9642 Fax

Rosemount Center
2000 Rosemont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20010

Rosemount Center provides center-based child care and home-based services for children birth-5 years of age and their families. Services include occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, parent training, and social services.

Contact Information

(202) 265-9885 Phone
(202) 265-2636 Fax

www.rosemountcenter.com

Shelter HOTLINE Transport
301 Rhode Island Ave., NW
Wash., DC 20001-1826

Contact Information

(202) 238-4732 Phone
1-800-535-7252
(202) 319-3242 Fax

www.upo.org

The Shelter Hotline Transport provides homeless families with transportation to emergency shelters. Also provides comfort items (blankets) during winter months.

Social Security Administration (SSA)
2100 M Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20037

Contact Information

1-800-772-1213 (Phone)
1-800-325-0778 (TTY)

www.socialsecurity.gov

Children with disabilities whose parents have little income or resources may be eligible for Supplemental Security Income Benefits. Contact the SSA to get a copy of the publication "Benefits for Children with Disabilities".

St. Ann's Infant and
Maternity Home
4901 Eastern Avenue
Hyattsville, MD 20782

Contact Information

(301) 559-5500 Phone
(301) 853-6985 Fax
(301) 559-4862 Fax

www.stanns.org

St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home provides residential care for pregnant and parenting teens.

St. John's Community Services
5151 Wisconsin Ave., NW
Suite C150
Washington, DC 20016

St. John's Community Services provides therapy services/home visiting in an inclusive environment. Family support assessment provided.

Contact Information
(202) 237-6500 Phone
(202) 237-6352 Fax
www.sjcs.org

The Children's Law Center
616 H St., N.W., Suite 300
Washington, D.C. 20001

The Children's Law Center is the voice for DC's abused and neglected children. They provide legal assistance to foster parents, grandparents, and other relatives who wish to adopt or obtain legal custody or guardianship of children trapped in the DC child welfare system or at risk of entering foster care.

Contact Information
(202) 467-4900 Phone
(202) 467-4949 Fax
www.childrenslawcenter.org

The National Dissemination Center for
Children with Disabilities (NICHCY)
P.O. Box 1492
Washington, DC 20013

NICHCY provides a wealth of information regarding disabilities. Website provides links to resources and parent support resources.

Contact Information
1-800-695-0285 Phone
www.nichcy.org

The River School
4880 MacArthur Boulevard, NW
Washington, DC 20007

The River School provided educational experiences for children and families by uniting the best practices of early childhood education and oral deaf education; and to promote clinical research and training in child language and literacy. The River School serves as a model for the education of young deaf children in an inclusive environment.

Contact Information
(202) 337-3554 Phone
(202) 337-3534 Fax
www.riverschool.net

The Treatment and Learning Centers

- 9975 Medical Center Drive
Rockville, MD 20850
- 2301 Research Blvd. Suite 110 & 220
Rockville, MD 20850
- 14901 Dufief Mill Road
N. Potomac, MD 20878

The Treatment and Learning Center is a private, rehabilitation and educational facility that provides child care, diagnostic and treatment services in the following areas:

Contact Information
(301) 738-9691 Phone
TTY (301) 424-5203
(301) 424-5200 Phone
TTY (301) 424-5203
(301) 738-6424 Phone
TTY (301) 424-5203
www.ttlc.org

speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, audiology, psychological and educational testing and academic tutoring.

United Planning Organization (UPO)
Head Start & Early Start Programs
301 Rhode Island Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20001

Contact Information
(202) 238-4600 Phone
(202) 588-7179 Fax
www.upo.org

United Planning Organization accepts referrals from early intervention programs during transition. In center-based programs, children with special needs are provided early intervention services; child care; medical, dental, vision, hearing and speech screening; a nutrition program that provides breakfast, lunch and snacks; parent education; social services, and advocacy.

University Legal Services
Assistive Technology Program for the District of Columbia
2201 I Street, NE, Suite 130
Washington, DC 20002

Contact Information
(202) 547-0198 Phone
(202) 547-2662 Fax
www.uls-dc.org

University Legal Services is a non-profit organization that coordinates the provision of appropriate assistive technology devices and services to District residents who qualify. The Assistive Technology Program is one of several programs managed by the University Legal Services which serves as the District of Columbia's federally mandated protection and advocacy system for human, legal and service rights of people with disabilities. All services are free of charge to eligible individuals.

University of the District of Columbia
Speech and Hearing Clinic
4200 Connecticut Ave., NW, MB1002
Washington, DC 20008

Contact Information
(202) 274-6161 Phone
(202) 274-6350 Fax
www.udc.dc.gov

The UDC Speech and Hearing Clinic provides speech, language, and hearing evaluations and treatment for children and adults with speech needs.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20410

Contact Information
(202) 275-9200 (Information)
1-800-225-5342 Resource Line
(202) 708-1455 Locator Services
www.fha.gov

The Federal Housing Administration (FHA) helps with information in reference to purchase and refinancing of a home.

Washington Child Development Council
Resource and Referral Line
1400 Sixteenth Street, NW Suite 715
Washington, DC

Contact Information
(202) 387-0002 Phone
(202) 387-0411
www.wcdonline.org

The Washington Child Development Council (WCDC) operates the District of Columbia's Child Care Information, Resource and Referral Service. The service, providing computerized data on all licensed child care facilities located in DC, is provided free of charge to any person seeking placement of their child or children in child care centers, family child care homes, or before and after school programs. WCDC also has information on services for children with disabilities.

Washington Hearing and Speech Society
Sibley Memorial Hospital
5255 Loughboro Road, NW, 20016
Washington, DC 20016

Contact Information

(202) 537-4010 Phone

(202) 243-5255 Fax

www.siblely.org

The Washington Hearing and Speech Society provides speech language evaluations and therapy, audiological evaluations, and hearing aid dispensing.

Wendt Center for Loss and Healing

- 4201 Connecticut Ave, NW, Suite 300
Washington, DC 20008
- 2041 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave, SE, Suite 239
Washington, DC 20020
- 5321 First Place, NE
Washington, DC 20011

Contact Information

(202) 624-0010 Phone

(202) 624-0062 Fax

(202) 610-0066 Phone

(202) 610-6697 Fax

(202) 742-1720 Phone

(202) 742-1726 Fax

www.wendtcenter.org

The Wendt Center is a resource for addressing grief in adults and children, providing mental health services, training, and education to ease the impact of illness, loss, and bereavement.

Zero to Three

2000 M Street, NW Suite 401
Washington, DC 20036

Contact Information

(202) 638-1144 Phone

(202) 638-0851 Fax

www.zerotothree.org

Zero to Three is a national non-profit organization that promotes the health and well being of infants, toddlers and their families. Organize monthly training sessions and an annual conference that provides parents and service providers cutting edge knowledge on how best to serve children with development delay(s) or at risk for delay. Website provides a wide array of child development resources, including parenting topics and information about growth and development. Website also offers a bookstore and access to the Zero to Three journal.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE

American Diabetes Association

www.diabetes.org

American Foundation for the Blind

www.afb.org

Asian American LEAD

www.aalead.org

Association of University Centers On Disabilities

www.aucd.org/directory/directory.cfm

Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law

www.bazelon.org

Brain Injury Association

www.biausa.org

Council for Exceptional Children

www.cec.sped.org

DC Action for Children

www.dckids.org

District of Columbia Public School System

www.k12.dc.us

National Council on Independent Living

www.ncil.org

Dental Care

www.nfdh.org.

National Association of Protection
and Advocacy System, Inc.

www.protectionandadvocacy.com

Parent to Parent Organization

www.familyvillage.wisc.edu/cof_p2p.htm

Publication/Video/CD-Rom

www.disabilitiesbooks.com

Website Search Assistance

www.parentsmart.com

WVSA arts Connection

www.wvsarts.org